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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Long Haul

Author:

Jeff Kinney

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

How does Greg’s point of view make the trip seem funnier, more stressful, or more unfair? Give an example from what you just read.

Example answer: Greg’s point of view makes the road trip feel more stressful because he notices every annoying detail. I can tell he does not always enjoy being packed in with his family. At the same time, the way he complains is funny because he makes normal family problems sound like a huge disaster. His voice helps me understand why the trip feels so wild to him.

Chapter 16

What question are you left wondering about after this section? What clues from the story might help you guess the answer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does one character, such as Manny, Rodrick, Mom, or Dad, change the mood of this section? Give a detail that shows whether the mood becomes sillier, calmer, or more tense.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How do Jeff Kinney’s cartoons add to this section? Describe one picture or kind of picture and explain what it helps you understand or laugh about.

Example answer: The cartoons help me picture the Heffley family’s problems instead of only reading about them. When Greg describes something embarrassing or chaotic, the drawing makes it even funnier because I can see the characters’ faces and body language. The pictures also show details quickly, like how crowded or messy things are. I think the drawings are a big part of why the book feels like Greg’s real journal.

If you could give advice to one Heffley family member right now, who would you choose and what would you tell them? Explain why your advice fits the situation.

Example answer: I would give advice to Greg. I would tell him to think before he acts because some of his choices make the trip harder for everyone. I understand that he gets frustrated, but complaining does not usually fix the problem. If he tried to help more, the family might still have trouble, but they might work together better.

Chapter 1

So far, what problem or goal seems most important to Greg Heffley or his family during the road trip? Use details from this part to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could give advice to one Heffley family member right now, who would you choose and what would you tell them? Explain why your advice fits the situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What new complication or challenge shows up in this part of the road trip? Why might it be hard for the Heffley family to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Greg’s point of view make the trip seem funnier, more stressful, or more unfair? Give an example from what you just read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which Heffley family member affects the events the most in this section: Greg, Mom, Dad, Rodrick, or Manny? Explain what that person does and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do Jeff Kinney’s cartoons add to this section? Describe one picture or kind of picture and explain what it helps you understand or laugh about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Do you think Greg handles a problem in this part in a smart way? Why or why not? Tell what you might have done in his place.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Describe one setting from this part, such as the car, a place on the road, or somewhere the family stops. How does that setting help create problems or humor?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What is one plan someone in the Heffley family has, and how well is that plan working so far? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does this section suggest about the difference between a “perfect” family vacation and a real one? Use an example from the Heffleys’ trip.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In this part, who shows responsibility, or who avoids responsibility? Explain the choice the character makes and what happens because of it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose one interesting word or phrase from this section. What do you think it means, and how does it help show the mood or make the scene funnier?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Based on what has happened so far, what do you predict might go wrong or change next on the Heffleys' trip? Explain which clues led you to that prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How do Greg's feelings about the family trip compare with another family member's feelings? Use details to show how they are alike or different.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
